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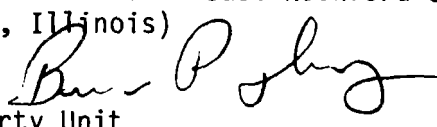
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SUBJECT: Classification of the Southeast Rockford Site and Peoples Avenue Landfill Site (Rockford, Illinois)

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TO: File

Final PRP Searches have been completed for both the Peoples Avenue Landfill Site and the Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site. The results of the Peoples Avenue PRP search indicate direct evidence (ownership/operation) of several viable PRPs including the City of Rockford and the Rockford Disposal Co. (Browning-Ferris Industries). Although there is direct evidence linking several viable PRPs with the site, the evidence is based on ownership and operation of the site. While enforcement is possible at this site, settlement is not guaranteed. Because it is necessary for RA money to be available if RD/RA negotiations prove unsuccessful, it is recommended that the site be classified (3) Federal Fund/Enforcement Lead.

With respect to the Southeast Rockford site, the PRP search identified 134 entities which could have contributed to the contamination at the site, 5 of which were identified specifically as PRPs because of their relative location to the site and past documented poor waste disposal practices. However, because none of the evidence presented can be considered conclusive at this time, it is recommended the site be classified as (3) Fund/Enforcement Lead. As such, more evidence could be gathered during the fund financed Remedial Investigation which would more conclusively link specific PRPs with the contamination of the site.

The above classifications have been discussed and confirmed with the assigned attorneys and remedial project managers.

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